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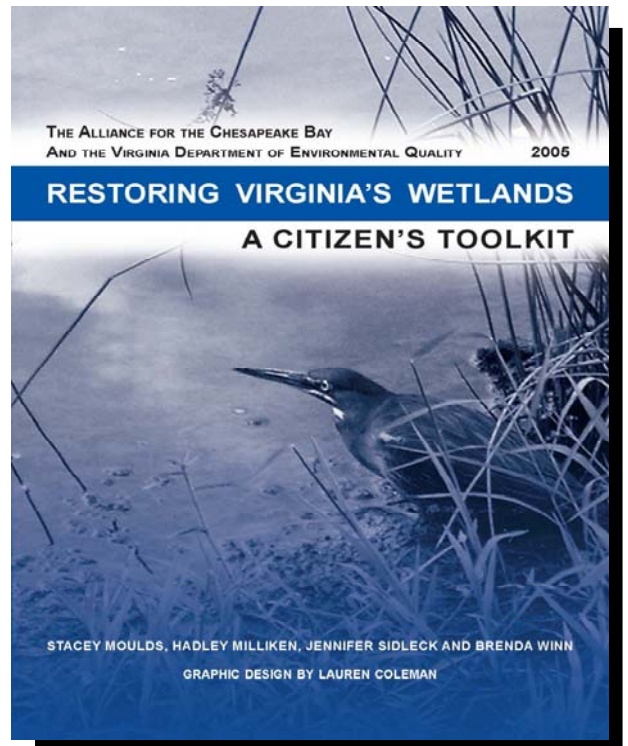
New Wetlands Publication

Restoring Virginia's Wetlands - A Citizen's Toolkit

Promotes the Voluntary Protection, Enhancement, Restoration and Creation of wetlands

(January 2006) – The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay announces the availability of its latest publication working towards providing a better Bay for future generations. *Restoring Virginia's Wetlands – A Citizen's Toolkit* promotes the voluntary protection, enhancement, restoration and creation of wetlands on private as well as public lands within the Commonwealth of Virginia. This Toolkit was prepared in partnership with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), through a grant award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Wetlands Program Development Grants initiative.

The Toolkit guides viewers through the background information necessary to understand wetland functions and values. Included within the Toolkit are the basics regarding wetland identification, types and classification as well as a section discussing types of wetland monitoring. The Toolkit provides useful information to Virginia's landowners, both private and public, on the status of wetlands, various options for the use and management of their wetlands, current regulatory protection as well as voluntary efforts, and technical and financial resources for protection, enhancement, restoration and creation projects.



Obtaining A Copy of the Toolkit

The toolkit is best viewed in its electronic version as it contains bookmarks and many useful hyperlinks to other websites. An electronic version of the manual may be downloaded at no cost from the Alliance's website at <http://www.acb-online.org/project.cfm?vid=239> or from the DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/wetlands/volrestor.html>.

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